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2. Made arrangements for Colonel Thomas Lane, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, to have lunch with us on 15 February at which time Mr. Dulles and General Cabell are expected to be present.

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3. Spent considerable time with Jim Garrison and [REDACTED] going over the Inspector General's report on the Logistics Office and agreed in general on the reply which we will make to the Director not later than 1 March.

4. Lunched with Harry Reynolds and George Meloon to discuss some desirable changes in the Office of Personnel as a result of the recent reorganization. Will wait for recommendations from them as to how this is to be handled.

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5. Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] and I met with Mr. Harland Bartholomew and Mr. John Nolen, Jr., Chairman and Director, respectively, of the National Capital Planning Commission, to discuss a proposed building site. I was somewhat surprised to learn that Messrs. Bartholomew and Nolen would object to our using the Langley site inasmuch as Mr. Strobel, the Commissioner of Public Buildings, is also a member of the Planning Commission and had suggested this site to us. (Apparently the use of the Langley site is in conflict with their basic plans for the over-all development of greater Washington.) They also indicated that they would not favorably consider the location of a CIA building in the area suggested by Mr. Zeckendorf, namely, the area in the southwest section of Washington which is bounded generally by Maine Avenue on the west, Fort McNair on the south, Delaware Avenue on the east, and "M" Street on the north. From their point of view a building in the immediate vicinity of our present headquarters, taking in the brewery property, etc., would be most desirable. They suggested the possibility of East Capitol Street. In both of these arrangements, however, we would have condemnation and relocation proceedings. They did not rule out the southwest section but implied that if we should go to that area they would prefer to have us located in the buildings along the Mall, whether it be Tenth Street or Ninth Street, rather than in the area suggested by Mr. Zeckendorf.

Chairman Bartholomew was very friendly. I believe that he would like to be helpful and will be if we can decide on something which fits into the over-all scheme of things. While I have not given up on the Langley site it is

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